

## Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 083580  
ORIGIN SAB-01

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 H-01 ARA-10 SS-14 L-01 SP-02 INR-05  
INRE-00 PM-03 /038 R

DRAFTED BY S/AB:DHPOPPER:RVC

APPROVED BY S/AB:DHPOPPER

S/S:O: TGMARTIN

H - MR. MOSS

ARA/PAN:RWYROUGH

-----069668 320003Z /65

O R 312301Z MAR 78

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

S E C R E T STATE 083580

STADIS//////////

LIMDIS LONDON FOR CHRISTOPHER PANAMA - FOR JORDEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PN, PEPR

SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL TREATIES - REPORT NO. 4

1. IN AN EXCELLENT ANALYSIS, EMBASSY PANAMA DESCRIBES THE MOOD OF GRIM FRUSTRATION WHICH IS GROWING IN PANAMA AS A RESULT OF THE SENATE RESERVATIONS. EMBASSY CONCLUDES THAT UNLESS DECONCINI CONDITION IS SOMEHOW CONSIDERABLY ATTENUATED, TORRIJOS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE TREATIES. AT THE SAME TIME, SFRC STAFFERS HAVE VOLUNTEERED THE THOUGHT THAT SOME TYPE OF SENATE ACTION SUCH AS A DECLARATION MIGHT HELP REDRESS THE SITUATION.

2. YESTERDAY WE REPORTED ON PLANS FOR US FORCES MILITARY  
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 083580

EXERCISE IN CANAL ZONE BEGINNING MAY 6. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION BETWEEN AMB. JORDEN AND CINCSO, WE UNDERSTAND LATTER WILL PROPOSE POSTPONEMENT OF EXERCISE,PROBABLY UNTIL FY1979.

3. WE ARE FULLY PREPARED TO BRIEF AND DOCUMENT PRO-TREATY SENATORS MONDAY MORNING ON THE PROPERTY DISPOSAL ISSUE,

WHICH AS YOU WILL RECALL WILL BE DEBATED UNTIL WEDNESDAY.

4. OUR DRAFT IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE INFORMALLY TO A NUMBER OF SENATORS NEXT WEEK. OMB STATES IT WILL COMPLETE ITS REVIEW OF THE LEGISLATION BY APRIL 15.

5. PANAMANIAN HAVE BEEN MEETING TODAY ON A NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS WE EXPECT TO BE INCLUDED IN RESOLUTION OF RATIFICATION OF THE SECOND TREATY, NOTABLY ON THE SEA-LEVEL CANAL AND THE FORMULA ON PUBLIC SERVICES, BUT WE DO NOT EXPECT RESPONSE BEFORE MONDAY.

6. DOUG BENNET WILL HAVE A BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR YOU ON YOUR RETURN, LAYING OUT THE TACTICAL SITUATION AND SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION NEXT WEEK.

COOPER

SECRET

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** TREATY SIGNATURE, BRIEFING MATERIALS, US CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS, CANALS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 31 mar 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE083580  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** DHPOPPER:RVC  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780141-0247  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:**  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t1978031/aaaaavvn.tel  
**Line Count:** 80  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** eaf280b7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN SAB  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** LIMDIS, STADIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** LIMDIS, STADIS  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 22 jun 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3096356  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** PANAMA CANAL TREATIES - REPORT NO. 4  
**TAGS:** PEPR, PGOV, PBOR, EWWT, PN  
**To:** LONDON  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/eaf280b7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014